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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director  
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
for Greg Wong, Office of Federal Transportation Program

Dear Mr. Morales:

**SUBJECT: BCAG FTIP Amendment 4**

We have completed our review of the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) Amendment No. 4 to the 2000/2001 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted with your letter dated August 31, 2001. BCAG's Amendment No. 4 makes one revision to the Local Highway Element, adding a recreation trail project on Lake Orville.

We accept Amendment No. 4 in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134, 23 CFR 450, and section 49 USC 53 of the Federal Transit Act. The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR 93.126 and/or 93.127], or were considered as part of the conformity analysis for the current plan and program. Therefore, we find this FTIP conforms to the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

These findings have been coordinated with the Regional offices of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This letter also constitutes approval for inclusion of BCAG's FTIP Amendment No. 4 into California's 2000/2001 – 2002/2003 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). We are approving this amendment in accordance with the procedures outlined in the joint FHWA/FTA Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP amendments dated March 8, 1996.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Dennis A. Scovill*  
For  
Michael G. Ritchie  
Division Administrator